

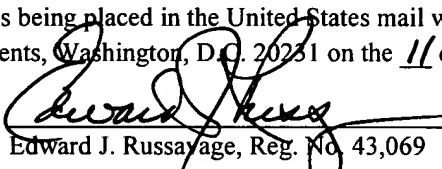


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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified case. No fee or certification is required.

PART II: - Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

International Search Report dated February 10, 2002, PCT/US01/20953, International Filing Date June 29, 2001, Applicant: Sycamore Networks, Inc.; and

STERN, Thomas E. and BALA, Krishna, "Multiwavelength Optical Networks," 1999, pp. 21-79 and 607-659, Addison-Wesley, U.S.A.

The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending application that may contain subject matter related to this application:

U.S. Application Serial No. 09/894,420, filed June 28, 2001, entitled "Method For Restoring And Recovering Circuits In A Multistage Cross Connect."

Copies of these references are enclosed.

PART III: Remarks

A copy of each of the above-identified information is enclosed unless otherwise indicated on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Rumi Sherryar GONDA, Applicant

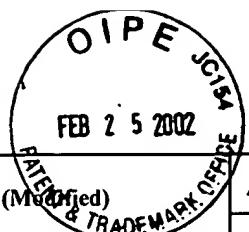
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